

DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife confirms new state record 79-pound, 6.4-ounce cobia



John Burbage of Ocean View, with Delaware's new state-record cobia, which weighed 79 pounds, 6.4 ounces, and was caught off Bethany



LEWES – DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife has confirmed a new state record in the Delaware Sport Fishing Tournament: a 79-pound, 6.4-ounce cobia, caught in the Atlantic Ocean on Aug. 10 by John Burbage of Ocean View. The fish was 56½ inches long and had a girth of 28¼ inches.

Burbage was fishing alone about a mile and a half off the Bethany coast when he caught the record fish. He hooked the cobia by sight casting a whole Atlantic menhaden (bunker) and fought the fish for an hour and 10 minutes before finally landing his trophy.

The record catch was weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em, an official Delaware Sport Fishing Tournament weigh station near Rehoboth Beach, and confirmed by Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers Sr. Corporal Oran White and Officer First Class Timothy Koebel.

For a listing of all state fishing records, please visit the Division of Fish & Wildlife's [Delaware Fishing Records webpage](#).

More information on the Delaware Sport Fishing Tournament is found in the [2018 Delaware Fishing Guide](#). The guide also is available in printed form at DNREC's Dover licensing desk in the Richardson & Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, and from license agents throughout the state.

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